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Abstract

Forests - Lease Right of collecting kay and other fodder grasses in Sandur Forest, Ques
Request of the Ruler of Sandur Orders
Passed

Camp:- The New Palace,
Kolhapur,

PALACE, SANDUR

CHIEF SECRETARY
3662
19 MAY 1950
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

27th May 1950

Dear Sri. Ramunni Menon,

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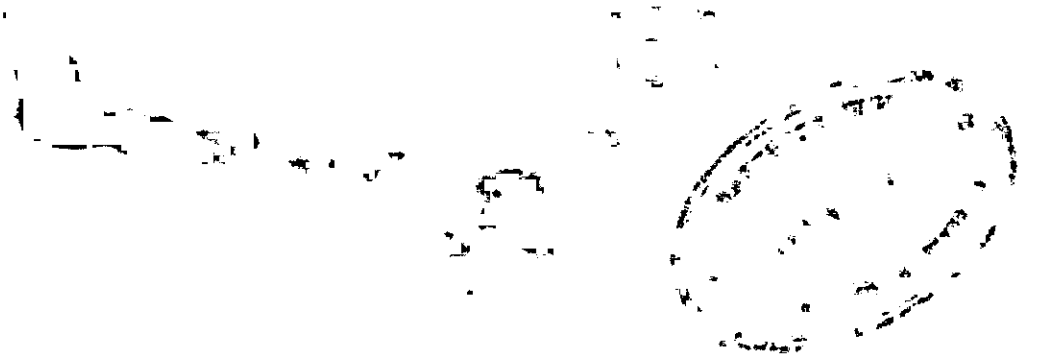
4. On hearing from you, I will deposit the necessary fees for the survey of these area, for the preparation of the plans that will have to be annexed to the lease. As I wish to go ahead with the necessary arrangements before the next fodder season commences in about October this year, I trust that all the formalities in this regard would be completed at an early date. I would be grateful if the Government should take a liberal view of the matter, and help me to achieve the object I have in view.

With kind regards,

.. .. Yours sincerely,

J. R. Ghorpade

(Ruler of Sandur)



Sri.K.Ramunni Menon CIE.,ICS.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,
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S c h e d u l e.

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		Total extent required	3,950 acres.

(Ruler of Sandur)

Public (Political) department.

D.O. No 3662/50-1 dated 1.6.50

My dear Raja Saheb,

Sub: States - Sandur - Forests - grant of lease -

Ref: your letter dated 27/5/1950.

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter cited and to state that the matter will receive attention.

31/5/50 31.5.50 1.6.50 1/6

To: Raja Srimant Yeshwanta Rao, Rao Sahib, Hindu Rao Ghorpade Hamlakatmadar Senapatti, Raja of Sandur, Camp: The New Palace, Kolhapur

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D.O.No. 4752 Cri/50-1 dt. 8-6-50.

(My dear Nayar,)

Subj: Forests - Merged area of Sandur = Lease of lands to the Ruler of Sandur.

Ref: From the Ruler of Sandur D.O. dated 27.5.50.

Rec'd on 9/6/50 F.N.

Rs 1.3P/-

I am to enclose herewith a copy of a D.O. from the Ruler of Sandur for your remarks and to request you to treat this case as very Urgent.

To Hide 'A' Asst. C.F.

Sri D.K Nair I.F.S.

C.C.F.

(with Copy of Rs 1.3P/-)

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D.O.No.10855/50-C4.

Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Egmore
dated 11-6-1950.

My dear Viswanatha Ayyar,

Sub: Forests- Merged area of Sandur - Lease of lands to the Ruler of Sandur.

Ref: Your D.O.No.48752 CII/50-1, dated 8th June 1950.

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I have called for a very urgent report from Sri B.K. Roy.

Yours sincerely,

(M.Kesavan Unni Nayar)

To
Sri P.S.Viswanatha Ayyar, I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

SECRETARIAT MADRAS GOVERNMENT
13 JUN 1950
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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Meherban V. Narasimharao, M.A.,
Huzur Secretary to
His Highness the Ruler
of Sandur.

THE PALACE, SANDUR,
S. INDIA.

14th June 1950.

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Dept 21/6
FIFTH ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO
21 JUL 1950
DEPARTMENT

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21.6.50

Dear Sir,

I am desired by His Highness the Ruler of Sandur to bring to your kind notice his request contained in the enclosed letter addressed by him to the Madras Government. His Highness would be grateful if this should receive your favourable consideration at an early date.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

The Hon'ble Sri P. Sanjiva Reddi,
Minister for Prohibition, Housing and Forests,
(Camp) Sandur.

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To H.

Ruled for perusal. The original of the Rulers D.O. at H 13-15 below has been read in this Secn and action is being taken on it. No action is reqd on this. (This may be added to the Rt. file).

Ascertain from H.M., P.A. whether the letter has been acknowledged & whether it should be acknowledged. MI 22/6/50

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D.O. No 48752 Cii/50-2 dt 80.6.50

(Sri Devi Narasimha Rao.

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Sub: Forest - Reyad area
Sandur Lease of lands
to the Ruler of Sandur.

Ref: Your D.O. No. Nil dt 14.6.50/11th Inst
addressed to HTN (Retd)

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Narasimhalao
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Hqrs Secy
to H.H. the
Ruler of Sandur

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Note. With 'A' on p 1 above, it has been ascertained that the D.O has not been acknowledged. Hence the above D.O is subd.

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With kind regards,

True copy.

Huzur Secretary to H.H.the Ruler of Sandur,
Sandur.

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Do no 48752 C11/50-3. dt. 11.7.50

Sub:- Forests - Merged area of Sandur
Lease of lands to the Ruler
of Sandur

Ref:- My Do no. 48752 C11/50-1
dated 8.6.50 and your
do no. 10855/50 Cs. dt 11.6.50.

I am to request you
~~an urgent to submit your~~
~~to expedite the~~ reply ~~in the matter~~
to the reference cited very urgently.

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To Sri M.K. Nair I.F.S. (M)
C.C.F

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D.C.No.10855/50-C4.

Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Mount Road, Madras-2, Dated 15th July, 1950.

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My dear Viswanatha Iyer,

FIFTH ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
17 JUL 1950
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Sub: Merged area of Sandur - Lease of lands to the Ruler of Sandur

Ref: Your D.O.No.48752-CII/50-3, dated 11.7.1950.

The report called for from Sri B.K.Roy has not been received. I shall send my reply as soon as his reply is received. He has been reminded telegraphically.

Yours sincerely,

(M.KESAVAN UNNI NAYAR)

To

Sri P.S.Viswanatha Ayyar, I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
Madras.

Special.

D.O.No.10855/50-C4.

Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests, 177-179, Mount Road, Madras, dated 8th August 1950.

My dear Viswanatha Ayyar,

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Subject: MERGED AREA OF-SANDUR- Lease of lands for cutting and removal of Fodder grass.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 10 AUG 1950 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Reference: Your D.O.No.48752 CII/50-1, dated 8th June 1950.

I send herewith a copy of my D.O. letter No.10855/50-C4, dated 11-6-50 to Sri B.K. Roy, Conservator of Forests, Bellary Circle and his reply R.C.No.1250/50-A1 dated 21-7-50 (with enclosures).

It is estimated that the accessible areas may produce some 4,350 tons of hay and not 10,000 tons as estimated by the Ruler of Sandur. I agree with the Conservator that it will be difficult and also embarassing to deal with a Ruler as a contractor of the Forest Department. I cannot therefore recommend a lease whether long term or short term to be concluded with him.

The Military Department has been depending on Sandur hay for the last many years and have established baling depots at Yeshwantnagar and Tornagallu for baling and eventual despatch to other military farms in the Southern Command. These depots are operated by power plants. Last year they applied to the Collector for the extraction of 2,500 to 3000 tons of hay. The hay was supplied by the Collector through the agency of private contractors on terms approved by Government in Government Memo No.123415 CII/49-2, Development, dated 4-1-50 and Government Memo No.124936 CII/49-2, Development, dated 19-1-50. A special staff was employed and an agreement was entered into by the Collector with private contractors for the supply of 2,500 tons of hay at Rs.45/- per ton delivered at the depot Tornagallu. The Military authorities were to pay Government at Rs.50/- per ton which was also the rate paid by them to the Ruler of Sandur in the previous year. Actually it would seem that the quantity promised was not fulfilled and according to the Conservator's report only 1,255 tons were supplied.

I send herewith a copy of the letter No.2522 RVF, HQ Southern Command, Kirkee- Poona 3 dated 20-7-50 addressed to me by Lt.Col. V.C. Misra. In this letter they have expressed concern about the inadequacy of the arrangements made last year and desire to take on lease the forests of Sandur from this year onwards for harvesting hay. They had also written to the Collector of Bellary in March 1950. They want very early orders in order to take adequate steps to protect grass from illicit grazing and to make necessary preliminary arrangements for labour, stores and baling plants.

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The needs of the Defence Services have to be met. I would therefore recommend the lease of hay to the Southern Command on terms to be agreed upon for a period of one year in the first instance. The Sandur forests were taken over to the control of the Forest Department on 14-4-50. A separate Range has been constituted called Sandur Range which is under the District Forest Officer, Bellary Division. If Government agree to this lease, negotiations will be made with the Military authorities.

I request a very early decision on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

(M. Kesavan Unni Nayar)

Enclosures:

To

Sri P.S. Viswanatha Ayyar, I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
Fort St.George,
Madras.

Enclosures.
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Copy of D.O.letter No.10855/50-C4 dated 11th June 1950 from the Chief Conservator of Forests, to the Conservator of Forests, Bellary Circle, Bellary.

Subject: FORESTS - Merged area of Sandur - Lease of lands to the Ruler of Sandur.

I enclose herewith a copy of a D.O. from the Ruler of Sandur. Government have called for my remarks very urgently. Please send a report as early as possible with a sketch showing the areas mentioned. It will be necessary to ascertain the quantity of hay extracted in the last ten years or so, revenue, expenditure and profit, mode of supply etc. The Military Grass Farms have been drawing from Sandur for many years and have installed their own plant and machinery at Tornagallu. I am not sure whether the present proposal will upset them. The Ruler promises to meet the needs of the Military as well as the civilian population. Any objections from the Military cannot therefore be serious and there is the positive advantage of building up a reserve stock for civilian needs in times of emergency such as failure of the monsoon or famine.

I do not think 10,000 tons were harvested from Sandur any time. The areas mentioned may have such possibilities and the Ruler must be well informed when he gave this figure. Please collect whatever information that can be gathered and also suggest essential safeguards on behalf of the Forest Department.

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Copy of letter Rc.No.1250/50-A1 dated 21-7-1950 from the Conservator of Forests, Bellary Circle to the Chief Conservator of Forests.

Subject: FORESTS - Merged area of Sandur State- Lease of land to the Ruler of Sandur - for cutting and removal of fodder grass- Report submitted.

Reference:Chief Conservator's D.O.No.10855/50-C4, dated 11-6-1950.

Before I received your above D.O.,I received a reference from the District Forest Officer, Bellary in his No.1168/50-H3 dated 31-5-50, copy enclosed in connection with the demand from the Military authorities for the permanent lease of extraction of hay from the grass producing areas of the same state (Sandur) for my views.

2.The District Forest Officer also enclosed his office file containing the following important references:-
(i) Letter from Leiutenant Colonel A.D.R.V.F. (V.C.Misra) in his Poona T.L.289 - S.T.H.N. No.C. 8-6-D-S.C.F.Hq. Southern Command "R.V.F" "B.R" (Kirkee) Poona-3 dated 21-3-50 to the Collector of Bellary.

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(ii) Letter No.1141/50 dated 26-4-50 from the Special Officer, Sandur to the Collector of Bellary. pp 27 below

(iii) Letter from the Southern Command, Poona (Kirkee) No.289 Sthn dated 20-5-50. pp 28 - 29 below

3. Copies of the above three letters are also enclosed for your reference.

4. Referring to your D.O. the following information is furnished:-

(i) Figures as to the quantity of hay supplied to the Military authorities from the Sandur State during the last 5 years (excluding 1947-48) rate at which it was supplied, the expenditure incurred etc., are as under. These were obtained from the Special Officer, Sandur.

Year (1)	Quantity supplied. (2)		Rate per ton (3)	Revenue (4)	Expenditure (5)	Profit (6)	Remarks (7)
	Tons	Lbs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1944-45	3,138	714	66	2,20,838	1,90,676	30,162	
1945-46	5,577	1529	57	4,02,618	2,71,530	1,31,088	
1946-47	5,050	298	57	1,52,446	77,796	74,650	
1947-48						No supply mad	
1948-49	2,183	700	50	63,060	56,320	6,740	
1949-50	1,255	1845	50	62,791	55,867	6,924	
Total	17205	606		9,01,753	6,52,189	249,564	

Note: The years furnished by the Special Officer, Sandur seem to be incorrect. I am looking into this.

(ii) Similar figures in respect of four years previous to 1944-45 could not be obtained as the records are reported to be not available. Perhaps no hay was extracted in those years as the ruler himself in his D.O. dated 27-5-50 stated that the Military authorities were being supplied hay from about 1943. No hay was extracted during the year 1947-48.

5. The data as to the rate of supply to the Military authorities is reported to be not available. The Special Officer, Sandur reported that the royalty charged worked out to Rs.12/- per ton, which perhaps includes overhead and other incidental charges. The District Forest Officer reported that the contractors who supplied hay were paid at Rs.45/- per ton and this information, if connected with the rate charged by the state for the hay supplied during 1945-46 and 1946-47 as furnished

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by the Special Officer, which is Rs.57/- per ton, the royalty including other charges works out to Rs.12/- per ton.

(ii) Royalty as arrived at above is not a proper basis in which can be taken in deciding the future lease (lease) rent. The total quantity of fodder supplied and the net profit realised during the five years referred to above is about 17,205¼ tons and Rs.249,564/- respectively. The profit obtained per ton of hay supplied works out to about Rs.14/- The average profit realised per year is Rs. 49,913.

(iii) From the records available in my office for the hay supplied to the military authorities from the Special Fodder division of this Circle, it is seen that the seignioage charged in 1938-39 is at Rs.1-4-0 per ton from Sandur State and Rs.2/- per ton from the departmental forests. Whereas a flat rate of Rs.3/- per ton was charged in 1943-44 and Rs.2/- per ton in 1945-46. The rates have been varying from time to time.

(iv) The ordinary rate charged for removal of hay for bona fide domestic requirements is at Rs.0-5-0 per cart load, vide para 19 of appendix 3 at page 125 of the Working Plan of Anantapur Forest division. 2 cart loads of hay work out to a ton. At this rate the seigniorage charged, works out to Rs.0-10-0 per ton.

6. The approximate area applied for by the Ruler is 8,100 acres which is expected to yield about 4,350 tons of hay as per the details given by the District Forest Officer. There is also an area of 2,200 acres not applied for which is expected to yield about 650 tons of hay. This area may be sufficient to meet the local demand but this area is said to be on the tops of hills, difficult for extraction of hay and far away from the Railway station. A copy of the statement received from the District Forest Officer in this connection is enclosed.

7. A sketch showing the areas applied for by the Ruler and those not required by him is enclosed.

8. It is for the Chief Conservator of Forests to decide whether the areas applied for should be given on a long lease to the Ruler in preference to the Military authorities without upsetting their previous arrangements, which may give the Ruler scope to exercise undue influence over the area. It is also a question for consideration whether this will be advisable from a political point of view. It will be more difficult to deal with a Rajah as a contractor than an ordinary citizen for violation of any of the conditions of the agreement. I am in favour of an yearly lease whoever takes it.

9. As regards the lease rent, I suggest to levy a seigniorage rate of Rs.3/- per ton of hay collected, but as it may be difficult to obtain this information with sufficient accuracy, the other alternative suggested is half the average amount of profit realised during the five years, when hay was supplied to Military authorities. This works out to Rs.24,956/- or Rs.25,000/- a year.

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Copy of Rc.No.1168/50-H3 dated 31-5-50 of the District Forest Officer, Bellary to the Conservator of Forests, Bellary Circle, Bellary.

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Subject: Lease of grass to the Army authorities-Sandur State.

I enclose herewith a copy of letter No.2522 R.V. F.HQ. Southern Command- Kirkee- Poona dated 20-5-50.

2. I also enclose herewith my office file No.1168/50-H3 containing 15 pages . This file also contains the Collector's current file No.4974/50 dealing with the subject and transferred to me for further action.

3. From a perusal of the correspondence, the Army Authorities had asked the Collector in their letter dated 21-3-50 for certain information whether they could take on lease on a permanent basis the right to cut the grass in Sandur forests. This was referred by the Collector to the Special Officer and his report dated 26-4-50 is in the file.

4. We took over the forests only on 12-4-50 and as the Army authorities want an early decision in the matter (vide copy of their letter dated 20-5-50 enclosed herewith) it seems best we inform them more or less on these lines:-

(a) That the removal of the grass from Sandur Forests may be on the same lines as was done by the Army authorities in the previous years- what the exact details are I am unable, at present, to say as I do not have the concerned files of the Collector or Special Officer with me. I have addressed these officers to send the file or files and the Army authorities have also been requested to furnish these details.

(b) That, as regards the proposal or suggestion of the Army authorities to let them have the lease on a permanent basis (vide their letter dated 21-2-50 to the Collector) this matter may be dealt with and settled in due course and a decision taken beforethe next season for grass cutting starts. There is obviously no time to settle this so expeditiously so far as this season is concerned.

5. I request that the enclosed file be returned with Conservator's views to enable me to take further action.

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Copy of No.C.8-6-D-SCF Hq.SOUTHERN COMMAND "RVF" Br (Kirkee) Poona- 3, 21 MAR 50 to the Collector of Bellary

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Subject. Lease of grass kurans of Sandur State.

From the ensuing year, this Department propose to take on permanent lease or on Royalty basis, all suitable grass producing areas of Sandur state, with a view to harvest them

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under departmental arrangements if the terms are reasonably settled. This standing arrangement will avoid complications that generally ensue in settling terms of lease at the nick of the time every year.

2. I shall, therefore, be glad to know your comments on this proposal together with the following information:-

(a) Full details of grass areas of Sandur State available for lease.

(b) Approximate acreage of each area that will be made available for harvesting by this Department

(c) Approximate yearly output of grass of each area.

(d) Estimated lease charges per acre or Royalty on 100 lbs. dry grass weighed in Baling Depot yards.

(e) Whether you are prepared to execute an agreement for the permanent lease of the lands, this department may like to take over, subject to the condition that the lease agreements may be renewed after every five years.

3. Any other relevant information that might be useful to formulate a comprehensive proposal for obtaining administrative approval of higher authorities, will be welcomed.

4. An early reply will be very much appreciated.

Copy of letter L.Dis.. No.1141/50 dated 26-4-50 from the Special Officer, Sandur to the Collector, Bellary.

Subject: Lease of Grass areas- Sandur to Military authorities- Particulars furnished.

Reference: Your No.Ref.4974/50-S.1 dated 4-4-50.

A statement showing the full details of grass areas of Sandur state required by the Military authorities is submitted herewith for information.

The Forest Department has taken over charge of the Sandur Forests on 14-4-50 and it is advisable to obtain the opinion of the Forest authorities in the matter of giving away the Sandur forests on permanent lease.

Your N.Reference is submitted herewith.

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Statement showing the full details of Grass areas of Sandur State.

S.No.	Name of blocks in Sandur Forest.	Approximate acreage that will be made available for hay.	Yearly output of Grass of each block.	Lease charges or Royalty.
1.	No.1 Ballanakolla (outer slopes)		200 tons	
2.	Ramgad	...	200 ,,	
3.	Seshagiri	...	200 ,,	
4.	Mulugolla	...	200 ,,	
5.	Ballanakolla (Inner slopes)		300 ,,	
6.	Made	...	1000 ,,	
7.	Thimmappanagudi 128 sq. miles		200 ,,	Rs 15 Per ton
8.	Murarpur	...	300 ,,	
9.	Settikeri	...	800 ,,	
10.	Balabadhra	...	400 ,,	
11.	Ubbalagandi	...	200 ,,	
11.A.	Ragarkolla	...	100 ,,	
12.	Tulimaradapenta	...	800 ,,	
13.	Gudani kolla	...	150 ,,	
14.	Savadari	...	150 ,,	
15.	Dumknir kolla	...	200 ,,	
16	Sunderam Bencha)			
17.	Malyammanaharvu)	...	200 ,,	
18.	Navluswamy	...	200 ,,	
19.	Badebandi	...	200 ,,	
		Total	6,000 tons	

Copy of letter No.289/Sthn dated 20-3-50 from the Southern Command, Kirkee, Poona to the District Forest Officer, Bellary.

Sub: Sandur Grass area- Permanent lease of.
Ref: This HQ No.C.8-6-D-SCF of 21-3-50 addressed to the Collector, Bellary (Passed on to you for disposal).

Will you please survey the situation of Sandur State Forests in the light of queries raised in the above quoted letter and furnish necessary information at an early date.

2. This department intends to take over Sandur State forests on lease before commencement of ensuring monsoons in order to afford necessary protection to the grass, crops in case terms of lease are mutually settled.

3. Early reply will, therefore, be much appreciated.

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Copy of statement showing the areas applied for hay extraction by the Ruler.

S.No.	Description of locality.	Ref.to block Nos. in the sketch.	Approximate extent.	Probable yield.	Remarks.
		Blocks	Areas	Tons	
1.	Area between Venkatagiri and Yeswantanagar	4,5,6	2,000	1,600	
2.	Area Ramagad Railway Station and Swamihalli Railway Station	1,2,3,15, 16,17	3,000	1,050	
3.	Area Narayanapuram and Ranajatpur	12	800	400	
4.	Muraripura	8	500	200	
5.	Balabhadra near Turanagiri	10	800	300	
6.	Papinaikanahalli and Joga	9	1,000	800	
	Total	..	8,100	4,350	

Areas not applied for by the Ruler.

1.	Thimmappanaguai (Singanakeri)	7	600	150	Tops of hills, difficult for extraction, far from the Railway Stn.
2.	Ragarakholla	11A	200	100	
3.	Ubbalagondi	11	400	200	
4.	Maleyammana-haruvu	17A	400	50	
5.	Sanna-Rama-Bench	15A	200	50	
6.	Grudani-Kholla	13	200	50	
7.	Sowdari	14	200	50	
		Total	2,200	650	

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Copy of letter No.2522 RVF, HQ Southern Command, Kirkee -Poona 3 dated 20th July 1950 from Lt.Col. V.C.Misra to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras.

Subject: Lease of grass kurans-Sandur State forests.

This Department contemplates to take on lease Sandur State forests, suitable for harvesting grass from this year onwards. The fodder harvested will be collected at Military Farm, Baling Depot, Yeshwantnagar and Tornagallu for baling and eventual despatch to other Military Farms in the Southern command. This is considered essential in order to procure fodder at a cheap rate with a view to meet the growing needs of the Defence Services.

Last year Sandur State hay was purchased by this Department through the Collector, Bellary at Military Farm Baling Depot, Tornagallu. But this arrangement was not sound. Apart from payment of high price full quota as promised in the informal Agreement could not be supplied. Consequently this Department had to purchase fodder at a very high rate due to failure of supply at the nick of the time.

In order to overcome this difficulty, a proposal was submitted to the Collector, Bellary vide this Hqrs. No C.8/6-D/SCF dated 21-3-50 (Copy enclosed for ready reference) but the case has not yet been finalised.

The entire case was forwarded to the District Forest Officer, Bellary who intimates that it is under reference with the Conservator of Forests, Bellary. From the trend of correspondence it appears that the proposal may take a long time for decision and may not serve any useful purpose if finalised late.

The aim of submitting the proposal earlier was to finalise the terms of agreement before commencement of monsoons in order to take adequate steps to protect grass from illicit grazing and thus derive maximum benefit out of it and also to make necessary preliminary arrangements for labour, stores and baling plants. The case is, therefore submitted to you direct for early orders to save time as it is already getting late and at all other stations we have already taken over forest lands.

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Copy of letter No.C-8-6-D SCF HQ Southern Command, "RVF" Br.(Kirkee) Poona-3 from U.C.Misra, Lt.Col.ADRVF.S.C. to the Collector of Bellary.

Sub: Lease of grass kurans of Sandur State.

From the ensuring - year, this Department proposes to take on permanent lease or on Royalty basis, all suitable grass producing areas of Sandur State, with a view to harvest them under departmental arrangements if the terms are reasonably settled. This standing arrangement will avoid complications that generally ensue in settling terms of lease at the nick of the time every year.

2. I shall, therefore, be glad to know your commends on this proposal together with the following information:-

(a) Full details of grass areas of Sandur State available for lease.

(b) Approximate acreage of each area that will be made available for harvesting by this Department.

(c) Approximate yearly output of grass of each area.

(d) Estimated lease charges per acre of Royalty on 100 lbs. dry grass weighed in Baling Depot Yards.

(e) Whether you are prepared to execute an agreement for the permanent lease of the lands, this department may like to take over, subject to the condition that the lease agreement may be renewed after every five years.

3. Any other relevant information that might be useful to formulate a comprehensive proposal for obtaining administrative approval of higher authorities, will be welcomed.

4. An early reply will be very much appreciated.

True copy/

CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

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D.O.No.10855/50-C4.

Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Mount Road, Madras-2, dated 22-8-1950.

My dear Viswanatha Ayyar, 85655

Subject: Lease of grass Kurans- Sandur State forests.

Reference: Your D.O.No.48752 CII/50-1, dated 8-6-50
My D.O.No.10855/50-C4, dated 8-8-1950.

In my letter No.10855/50-C4-2 dated 8-8-50 I informed Lt.Col.U.C.Misra, Southern Command that the question of leasing the Sandur forests for harvesting hay has been referred to Government for orders and that a further communication will be sent as early as possible. In reply he has sent me a further letter dated 12-8-50 (copy enclosed). I do not propose to inform him of my recommendation and would like to know what reply I may send to him.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
23 AUG 1950
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Yours sincerely,

(M. Kesavan Unni Nayar)

Enc:1.
To Sri P.S.Viswanatha Ayyar, I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government, Development Dept.

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Enclosure.

Copy of letter from Lt.ColU.C. Misra,ADRVF, HQ Southern Command, Kirkee, Poona-3, No.2522 RVF, dated 12th August 1950 to the Chief Conservator of Forests. Madras-2.

Subject: Lease of grass kurans- Sandur State forests.

Reference:Your No.10855/50-C4-2, dated 8-8-1950.

Keeping in view that some alternative arrangements will have to be made well in time in case Sandur State forests are not leased to us, I shall be pleased if you kindly let us know what recommendations you have made to Madras Government so that we know where we stand.

True copy/

CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

2 drafts for approval
= Draft I

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DEVELOPMENT (CII) DEPT.

SUB:- FORESTS - Leases - Right of collecting hay and other fodder grasses in Sandur forest area - Request of the Ruler of Sandur - Orders- Passed.

Read:- Letter dated 27.5.50 from the Ruler of Sandur.
From the C.C.F. D.O. No. 10855/50-C.4. d/ 8.8.50.
From the C.C.F. D.O.No. 10855/50 C.4. d/22.8.50.

G.O. MS. NO. 3527 DATED 6-9-50

H.E. the Governor of Madras directs that the right of collecting hay and other fodder grasses from the Sandur Forests be sold by public auction subject to the usual conditions and also subject to the additional condition that stocks should be supplied to the military upto their requirements before selling to others.

To The C.C.F.
" A.C. thro' Fin.
Copy to Fin. Dept.

DRAFT II.

D.O. NO. 48752 CII/50 - 8 dated 6. 9. 50.

My dear Raja Sahib,

SUB:- FORESTS - Leases- Right of collecting hay and other fodder grasses in Sandur forest area.

REF:- Your letter No. Nil dated 27.5.1950. addressed to the Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Madras.

I am to state that the Govt. regret their inability to grant the lease as proposed referred to in your letter cited as it has been decided that the right of collecting hay and other fodder grass in Sandur should be sold in public auction. I am enclosing a copy of Proceedings No. 3527 Dev dated 6. 9. 50. of the Govt. on the subject enclosed for your information. In the circumstances I may

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however to state that if you desire, you may
~~advise you to~~ send your agents ~~for~~ participating
in the auction when it is held.

To Raja Srimant;
Yeshwanta Rao,
Rao Sahib, Hi[redacted] Rao
Ghospade,
Mamlakatmadar Senapati
Raja of Sandur.
(with end)

CAMP The New Palace,
Kolhapur.

Public (Political) Departme

Sub: States - Sandur - Forests - Grant of lease to the Ruler -

Ref: From the Ruler of Sandur, d.o. dated 27/5/1950.

Please see the Ruler's d.o. in the C.F. The Ruler of Sandur requests that he may be permitted to acquire on lease for a period of twenty years in the first instance the forest area specified by him for purposes of cutting and removing hay and other grass only. This, according to him, will provide employment to Harijans and members of the backward community of the locality. He requests that the Govt. may grant lease on a liberal scale in order to enable him to undertake the work which will go a long way in ameliorating the condition of the Harijans of the locality.

The letter may be acknowledged. A draft d.o is submitted for approval. After issue, the file may be sent to Development who are mainly concerned with the administration of the forests in the merged area of Sandur and they may be requested to take necessary action with reference to A on p. 1 cf. Dev may let this Deptt see the papers in due course

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To H.S.:

Pub deptt. notes on p.1 above may be perused. W.r.t. to 'M' on p.1 above a draft ~~reply~~ do to the C.C.F is subd. for approval.

UB 5-6-50 MM 6.6.50

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To A.S.

Please see the C.CF's letter and its enclosures at pp.21-31 c.f. with reference to the Memo. at p.7 c.f.

2. In his D.O. letter at p.1 c.f., the Ruler of Sandur has requested that he may be granted on lease for a period of 20 years in the first instance, certain forest areas in the Merged State of Sandur for the purpose of cutting and removing hay and other fodder grasses. He states that by taking up lease, he would be able to provide employment to the Harijans and backward communities in the locality, and that he can meet not only the requirements of the Military Department but also of the Civilian population in times of fodder scarcity in the neighbouring districts. p2 cf para 2 on p1 cf

3. The Sandur forests were taken over by the Forest Department on 14.4.1950. The C.C.F. who has been consulted in the matter considers that it will be difficult and also embarassing to deal with a Ruler as a contractor of the Forest Department, and that he cannot therefore recommend a lease - - whether long term or short term to be concluded with him. p22 cf 'A' on p21 cf

In view of the requests of the Military Department, he recommends the lease of hay to the Southern Command on terms to be agreed upon for a period of one year in the first instance. Military have also applied for release for extraction of hay from the Sandur forests. 'M' on p22 cf

4. From the copies of correspondence at pp.26-31 c.f. it will be seen that the Military Authorities expressed concern p30 cf

Public (Political) Department

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The letter may be acknowledged. A draft d.o. is submitted for approval. After issue, the file may be sent to Development who are mainly concerned with the administration of the forests in the merged area of Sandur and they may be requested to take necessary action with reference to A on p. 1 c/f. They may let this Department see the papers in due course.

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about the inadequacy of the arrangements made last year in regard to the supply of hay to the Defence Services, and are anxious to take on lease the forests of Sandur from this year onwards for harvesting of hay. It is also reported that the Military Department has been depending on Sandur hay for the last many years and have established baling depots at Yeshwan nagar and Tornagallu for baling and eventual despatch to othe military farms in the Southern Command. Last year the Collector of Bellary supplied, 1,255 tons of hay to the Military Department through the Agency of private contractors on terms approved by the Government.

5. The C.C.F. states that if the Govt. agree to the lease to the Military Department, negotiations will be made with the Military authorities. For orders whether the C.C.F's recommendations will be accepted.

Public, and Finance may see before circulation.

KM 16/8/50.

The CCF. is not in favour of the leasing the extraction of hay to the Rulers of Sandur for the reason that it will be difficult and also embarrassing to deal with a Ruler as a contractor. The military have applied for a ~~permanent~~ long term lease of the extraction of hay and the C.C. is inclined to grant the lease to the Military for a period of one year in the first instance on terms to be agreed upon.

Y The C.C's view may be accepted and the Ruler of Sandur informed that as Military are interested in ~~the~~ extraction of hay, the Govt. regret their inability to ~~grant the~~

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accpt. his proposal.

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Draft

Secy. Pol. Dept. for Secy. Pol. Dept. 16.8.50

Public (Political-A) Department.

(Previous notes of this department on p.1. ante).

The file relates to the request of the Ruler of Sandur that he may be granted on lease for a period of twenty years in the first instance certain forest areas in the merged state of Sandur for the purpose of cutting and removing hay and other fodder grasses. He has stated that he would meet not only the requirements of the Military Department but also of the civilian population. The C.C.F. who was consulted in the matter has stated that the Military Department has also applied for lease in respect of the extraction of hay from the Sandur forests. He is of the opinion that the Military authorities may be given lease for a period of one year in the first instance in preferance to the Ruler of Sandur, the reason being that it will be difficult and embarassing to deal with him as a contractor of the Forest Department. Development agree with the views of Chief Conservator of Forests.

Attention is invited to paragraph 4 of the preamble to the "Revised Memorandum on the Personal Privileges of the Rulers of the Merged and Integrated States" according to which the Rulers of merged states should receive all personal consideration which would have been due to them if they had continued as the heads of the administrations of their respective States In view of this, it is for consideration whether the Ruler may be given lease asked for for a short term as an experimental measure subject to the condition that he undertakes the supply of hay etc., required by the Military authorities.

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Development may, however, be requested to take orders in circulation including H.C.M.

With the above remarks, the file may be passed on to Finance.

18/8/50 Cur 18.8.50.

1. As remarked by the C.C.I it will be difficult and embarassing to deal with a Ruler when once he is given a contract.
2. But considering the fact that but for the merger the Ruler would have been free to do what he liked with the forest area in question and in view of para 4 of the preamble in the Memorandum of Personal Privileges of Rulers the best course seems to be to give a short term lease to the Ruler on condn that he supplies hay to the Defence Service

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1-1-33(1)(f) From the C.C.F. Dc.No.10855/50-C4 dt 12.8.50 7

Development Department (C.II)

SUMMARY

The proposal relates to the request of the Ruler of Sandur ~~has requested~~ that he may be granted on lease for a period of 20 years in the first instance, certain forest areas (about 3950 acres in extent) in the Merged ~~State~~ area of Sandur for the purpose of cutting and removing hay and other fodder grasses. He states that by taking up lease, he would be able to provide employment to the Harijans and backward communities in the locality, and that he can meet not only the requirements of the Military Department but also of the Civilian population in times of fodder scarcity in the neighbouring districts.

2. The Sandur forests were taken over by the Forest Department on 14.4.1950. The C.C.F. who has been consulted in the matter considers that it will be difficult and also embarassing to deal with a Ruler as a contractor of the Forest Department, and that he cannot therefore recommend a lease whether long term or short term to be concluded with him. The Military have also applied for the lease of the extraction of hay from the Sandur forests.

3. From the copies of correspondence at pp.26-31 c.f. it will be seen that the Military Authorities expressed concern about the inadequacy of the arrangements made last year in regard to the supply of hay to the Defence Services, and are anxious to take on lease the forests of Sandur from this year onwards for harvesting of hay. It is also reported that the Military Department has been depending on Sandur hay for the last many years and have established baling depots at Yeshwantnagar and Tornagallu for baling and eventual despatch to other military farms in the Southern Command. Last year the Collector of Bellary supplied, 1,255 tons of hay to the Military Department through the Agency of private contractors on terms approved by the Government. The C.C.F Mysore recommends the lease of hay to the Southern Command on terms to be agreed upon for a period of one year in the first instance.

4. The C.C.F. states that if the Government agree to

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this ~~lease to the Military Department~~ proposal, negotiations will be made with the Military authorities. This department proposed to accept the C.C's views and to inform the ruler of Sandur that as Military are interested in the extraction of hay, Government regret their inability to accept the proposal. His further letter at ff 33-34 C/ may also be perused. The C.C.F's request for very urgent orders.

N'un p 22 ante.
Xc y'un p 3 ante.

Pun p 5 ante

5. Public department agree with the C.C.F. that it will be difficult and embarassing to deal with a Ruler when once he is given a contract. But considering the fact that but for the merger the Ruler would have been free to do what he liked with the forest area in question and in view of para 4 of the preamble in the Memorandum of personal privileges of Rulers, they feel that the best course seems to be to give a short term lease to the Ruler on condition that he supplies hay to the Defence Service.

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6. The file may be circulated for orders whether

for orders.
JM 24/8/50.

(i) the recommendation of the C.C.F. may be accepted and the Ruler be informed that as the Military are interested in the extraction of hay, Govt. regret their inability to accept his proposal; and if so the C.C.F. may be requested to open negotiations with the Military; or whether at K'aikanal will

(ii) the views of Public Department may be accepted and the ruler ~~be~~ given a short term lease (say one year) on condition that he supplies hay to the Defence Services."

Shrd' C II (2) 23/8/50

WR 23.8.50 KW 23/8/50. PM 24/8/50 S/ H D (Finance) I.C.M.

Bnrv D.C. 44

An exactly similar case has arisen in the case of mining leases in Sandur, except that the competitor therein is a private citizen. In this file it is the defence dept. we may refer the matter to Shri'a and ask for their views in the matter. HCJ may see.

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Bnrv

HCJ 25/8 S. De

MY 25.8.50.

To AS.

Notes from p 7 above may be perused

W.r.to 'B' at p 8 above, a draft letter to India is sent for approval. The case may be circulated for approval of the draft letter below.

25.8.50 KM 25/8/50 Pub (Poll) may see before circulation

26/8/50 Pub (Poll)

Box D.C. 44

Dev. No no 48752 E.II/50-6 dated 26-8-50

Pub (Pol)

Seen in Pub (Pol)

27/8/50

The draft put up is with ref. to 'K' on P. 4 above but I find that the gist of 'K' has been stood stood. Dev is requested to embody 'K' in the draft

Pub (Pol) No 54 54/51-I 28.8.51

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Revised

A revised draft letter to India is submitted. It explains the proposal. It may be circulated for approval.

29/8/50 KM 29/8

HA (Pub)

HM

ELEVENTH ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 26 AUG 1950 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 29 AUG 1950 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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I think the draft in the present form is unnecessary. We can inform the Ruler of Sandur that it will not be possible to ~~lease~~ grant the lease to him. Right of collecting the grass in Sandur forest area can I think be sold by auction, subject with the condition that all the stock must be supplied to the Military Ex Ruler of Sandur, also may send his agents and participate in the bid

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V/r

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 31 AUG 1950 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Orders in C[illegible] above

A Draft order and a draft do. are submitted for approval.

Pub (Poll) and Fin may see before issue.

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SENIOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 6 SEP 1950 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

UNDER SECRET 5527 2 - SEP 1950 CHIEF SECRETARIAT

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Retype the draft as amended and put up a draft letter to the Ruler of Sandur

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Pub. (Poll-A) Deptt.

May be perused and passed on to Finance

Cys 2.9.50.

Retyped & put up. A Do. to the Ruler is also subs.

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The drafts

Orders in circulation above

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SENIOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY, FINANCE DEPARTMENT 5 SEP 1950 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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